LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE OF THE HELD OSPHERE

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Large scale he] iospheric st ruct ure consists of spatial gradients in the average so] ar wind properties on which are superposed Fast Corot at ing St reams (FCS), Coronal Mass Ejecta (CME) and the Heliospheric Current Sheet (HCS). This st ructure derives from corresponding solar st ructure (coronal holes, streamer belt) and events (e.g., disappearing fila ments) and responds to the fundamental changes characterizing the solar cycle. Recent progress, some of it. associated with solar maximum in July 1989 and a major resurgence in 1991, will be reviewed. Among topics to be discussed are the relation between the HCS and CMEs, dynamic evolution of CMEs and recent, observations and analyses of the magnetic flux deficit.

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